

Weekly Views

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"In this age, which believes that there is a short cut to everything, the greatest lesson to be learned is that the most difficult way is, in the long run, the easiest." ~ Henry Miller

Friday, March 6, 2009

"Hard Time," a documentary filmed at the Pendleton Correctional Facility in September 2008, will air on the Discovery Channel on March 9th at 9:00 PM Eastern Time.

The Rockville Correctional Facility CLIFF Unit held a program for a group of Parke County juveniles to educate them about where drug use will lead. 11 juveniles, their guardians, and the Probation Officer attended, and 7 offenders from CLIFF participated on the Panel. This program is supported by the Parke County Judge.

Indiana State Prison's offender American Legion Post 130 recently hosted a district meeting, which was the first district meeting held at a prison. State Senator Jim Arnold and Commissioner Buss spoke, and a total of 92 people attended.

Pendleton Correctional Facility Superintendent Brett Mize recently presented a total of \$1,575 in donations to the Pendleton Junior Baseball Challenger League, the Pendleton Middle School, and Pendleton's Maple Ridge Elementary. The donations were made possible by the facility's PLUS, Inside Out Dad, and American Legion programs.

Indianapolis Juvenile Correctional Facility's Youth as Resources (YAR) student team "Miracles-in-the-Making" recently donated food, clothes, diapers and other items to help replenish the Julian Center's shelves. The students purchased many of the items with the money they raised from a t-shirt sale.

Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Andy Miller and Deputy Commissioner Chris Landis, along with Commissioner Buss, toured the Digital License Plate operation at the Indiana State Prison.

Putnamville Correctional Facility held a Black History Month program under the direction of Chaplain Jerry Anderson. Attendees included Community Advisory Board members and the president and members of the Greencastle NAACP.

PEN Products' Indiana State Prison farm operation received a horse from the LaPorte County Animal Shelter. The horse, Brandy, is approximately 20 years old and had escaped from her owner. The farm operation will supply pasture, labor, and facilities, while the animal shelter will supply feed and health care, to help Brandy recover.

For Black History Month, Henryville Correctional Facility held a "soul food" dinner for offenders, an art and literary contest, and a "soul food" carry-in for staff. An ex-offender also shared his successful re-entry elements with offenders.

Indiana Women's Prison enrolled 7 offenders into the Cosmetology U.S. Department of Labor Apprenticeship Program.

The Employee Assistance Planning Committee for Westville Correctional Facility set up a website at www.myeapc.com to better communicate with employees. The EAPC raises funds to support activities for WCC's employees.

Plainfield Correctional Facility hosted a tour for members of the Criminal Law Society from Indiana University School of Law Indianapolis. Law students toured the Law Library and other facility areas to learn about services for offenders.

The Miami Correctional Facility Correctional Employee Appreciation Committee held its monthly fundraiser, selling ham, beans, and cornbread. The committee has scheduled a fundraiser for each month.

PEN Products hosted a meeting focusing on the expansion of the U.S. Department of Labor Apprenticeship Program at Pendleton Correctional Facility. Representatives from Pendleton, New Castle Correctional Facility, Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility, and Correctional Industrial Facility attended.

SITCON members from the Plainfield Correctional Facility raised \$530 for the Special Olympics of Indiana by participating in the 2009 "Freezin' for a Reason" Polar Plunge.

The prison mutts in the FIDO program at Correctional Industrial Facility recently held a second Meet and Greet event.

More than 150 Miami Correctional Facility staff participated in a quarterly Recall Meeting, which featured Bill Moulton from the Kentucky Bureau of Prisons. Moulton talked about reducing the stigma associated with suicide.

The Indiana Women's Prison ICAN program was filmed by the Tony Stewart Foundation for advertising and by Ivanhoe Video for medical and "Smart Women" segments.

From the Office of Edwin G. Buss, Commissioner